

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A common phone number which is used only among a specific group consisting of members registered in a network is ensured to enable transmitting/receiving a message file at an arbitrary point of time. A communication terminal A being a management terminal in a network 1 sends identification names of prescribed communication terminals B, C, D corresponding to an issued common phone number to a phone number management center 2 so as to register the communication terminals in correspondence with the common phone number. A message file sent from an arbitrary one of the communication terminals to the common phone number is sent to all the other registered communication terminals or left in a message center 3 and the arrival of the message file is notified to all the other registered communication terminals. A message sent from an arbitrary one of the communication terminals to the common phone number is left on a bulletin board 31. An arbitrary one of the registered communication terminals reads the message file left in the message center 3 or the message left on the bulletin board 31 at any time he/she wants.

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